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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to promote and develop location specific research and consequent developmental model for small and marginal farmers in the Eastern Region;

(b) whether the ICAR proposes to deliver the goods through its existing research institute for Eastern Region, Patna;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the remedial steps being taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) In view of the specific socio-economic problem of the eastern region ICAR has adopted a new approach of network research and development, whereby a nucleus infrastructure at the headquarters of the ICAR Complex for the Eastern Region, Patna will carry out research in a programme matrix encompassing land and water resource management, crop husbandry, horticulture, animal husbandry, fishery, farm machinery development, agro-processing, and socio-economic conditions of the small and marginal farmers of the Eastern region.

ICAR has taken up joint collaborative work with International Water Management Institute, Colombo also under the Challenge Programme on Water for Food in the Indo Gangetic Basin for research and development for improving water productivity, food security and employment in the lower Gangetic Basin of Eastern Region to develop location specific technology suitable for small and marginal farmers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) ICAR initiated a multi disciplinary approach by a system of networking among the existing ICAR research institutes and State Agricultural Universities. The programmes/projects are undertaken with components for human resource development, data base management and information dissemination.

(d) Not applicable.